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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of that document is also enclosed.

For the statement of relevance, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the accompanying English abstract; also, it is noted that the cited document is the Japanese counterpart to U.S. Patent 5,880,781 (Udagawa et al.), of record.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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